SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING FLEXIBLE NETWORK

SERVICE APPLICATION COMPONENTS

5 **Abstract**

The flexible service application components ("FSACs") of the present invention enable services to be defined by logic and data, as well as other functions, such as operations, administration, and

10 management. The flexible service application components of the present invention enable a service designer (and/or other entity) the ability to create an integrated component that represents a service feature. Thus, a FSAC may be developed to

15 encapsulate protocol-specific interactions and present a homogenous interface to a feature FSAC. Hence, the present invention enables application-level FSACs that may be protocol-independent.